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From: Pete DAmato <peted25@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 10:24 PM
To: HSGTestimony
Subject: Please support of HB 5342

Honorable members of the Housing Committee:

I am writing to express my full support of fair and equal housing opportunities for all.

As a provider of quality low-to-moderate income housing with over 200 units in CT, we are in the business of accepting applicants and filling our apartments, not turning people away, so long as all applicants pass our background check to ensure the safety, comfort, and well being of all of our existing residents. Sometimes a rejected applicant may feel as though they have been discriminated against and seek legal action (usually provided by any number of agencies at absolutely no cost to them).

I am VERY upset to learn that property owners accused of violating the CT Fair Housing Law do not have the same protections as the accuser has under our current statutes - an accuser can appeal a decision that is not in their favor an UNLIMITED number of times, but owners have NO RIGHT to appeal WHATSOEVER! Clearly this is un-fair and needs to be fixed.

I encourage you to vote in favor of House Bill 5342 as it was originally intended and extend to property owners the right to one appeal if they choose to have an administrative hearing.

Please contact me at 203-206-7627 or peted25@earthlink.net if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,
Pete D'Amato